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## **IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

- 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A blanket for printing-which has comprising a supporting layer formed on-the-an underside of a surface layer which is to be a printing surface, the warps of a woven fabric constituting the supporting layer-comprising and including a vinylon yarn which is a spun yarn spun by a wet solvent cooling gel spinning method, the supporting layer and the underside of the surface layer being in face-to-face contact with each other.
- 2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A blanket for printing-which comprises comprising a reinforcing layer-comprising-having a plurality of woven fabrics laminated via an elastic binder layer and a surface layer laminated in face-to-face contact on the reinforcing layer, the-warps of at least one of the woven fabrics constituting the reinforcing layer-comprising-including a vinylon yarn-which is a spun yarn spun by a wet solvent cooling gel spinning method.
- 3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The blanket of claim 1 or 2, which is a compressible blanket for printing which has wherein the supporting layer is formed between the surface layer which is to be a printing surface and a compressible layer forming a compressible blanket for printing.
- 4. (ORIGINAL) The blanket of claim 1 or 2, wherein the supporting layer is the uppermost woven fabric (top fabric) of the woven fabrics constituting the reinforcing layer.
- 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The blanket of claim 2, wherein the reinforcing layer-comprises\_includes two layers of woven fabrics and the warps of the two layers of woven fabrics includes comprise the vinylon yarn-which is a spun yarn spun by the wet solvent cooling gel spinning method.

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6. (NEW) A blanket for printing, comprising:

a printing surface layer having an underside surface; and a supporting layer having warps being of a woven fabric, the supporting layer having a supporting layer surface disposed in face-to-face contact on the underside surface of the surface layer, the warps of the woven fabric constituting the supporting layer comprising a vinylon yarn having a breaking strength greater than 900 N/50mm and an adhesive strength greater than N/25.4 mm.

- 7. (NEW) A blanket of claim 6, wherein the vinylon yarn is Kuraron™ KIIEQ2 vinylon yarn.
- 8. (NEW) The blanket of claim 6, wherein the vinylon yarn has a breaking strength in a warp direction of at least 1,700 N/50 mm.
- 9. (NEW) The blanket of claim 8, wherein the vinylon yarn has an adhesive strength in the warp direction of at least 120 N/25.4 mm .
- 10. (NEW) The blanket of claim 6, wherein the vinylon yarn has an adhesive strength in a warp direction of at least 120 N/25.4 mm.
- 11. (NEW) The blanket of claim 10, wherein the vinylon yarn has a breaking strength in the warp direction of at least 1,700 N/50 mm.
- 12. (NEW) The blanket of claim 6, further comprising a reinforcing layer including a first fabric layer laminated to the supporting layer, a second fabric layer laminated to the first fabric and a third fabric layer laminated to the second fabric layer and respective ones of the supporting, first fabric, second fabric and third fabric layers bound to each other with a binder applied therebetween.